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Dear Admiral Turner:

Here is the article about which we spoke yesterday — very interesting!

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

MILLICENT FENWICK Member of Congress

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(Rep. M. Fenwick)

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"IT WAS AFTER THE CUBANS HAD LEFT THAT THE HUNT FOR THE EUROPEANS BEGAN," stated a refugee from Kowezi

From our correspondent:

St. -Etienne. In Saint-Just-Malmont, in Haute-Loire, the community's only bar which serves non-alcoholic beverages exclusively, also has a surprising sign: The Safari. The fellow who gave it this name, Mr. Pierre Verot, had just returned from Zaire, where he had spent two and a half years as chief mechanic with the Union minière de Belgique /Belgian Mining Association.

This man of forty-five stated unequivocally: "The Katangese were surrounded by the Cubans. I had spoken to them. They spoke perfect French, but with a very strong Spanish accent. They were easily recognized by their beards à la Fidel Castro, and their dishevelled hair." Mr. Verot had no doubts about it: these were professional and clever soldiers. "They made themselves masters of the airfield and the center of the city in a quarter of an hour, without encountering any resistance on the part of the soldiers of the Zairian army, who fled during the attack, getting it in the back." For a whole year the Zairian soldiers had engaged in extortions: "They ransomed the mine workers, forced them to give up half of their pay which they would just receive, before allowing them to return to the native quarter, ringed off in advance. This is why the Katangese were received fairly well by the aborigines."

The Cubans stayed the first three days. As long as they were there, the Europeans were safe. They behaved like an occupation army: "A group consisting of about a dozen men came to the home of some friends of mine from Lorraine, with whom I took refuge on Sunday and Monday, led by a Cuban who was about thirty years old and without any visible rank insignia, but who was addressed by the others as "commander". He was armed with a Russian machine pistol. They demanded food and offered a receipt in exchange. They behaved well, though they took several souvenirs (two or three malachite ashtrays, shoes — they were very badly shod — and their leader pocketed the jewels that my host had put away in a suitcase,) They addressed each other as "comrade" and insisted

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that this term be used in addressing them rather than the term "citizen" used in Zaire.

"On Tuesday, once the Cubans were gone, the hunt for the Europeans, and especially the French, began. The new generation of Katangese ex-policemen -- they were very young, with an average age of eighteen -- joined forces with the country's riff-raff. They were both continuously drunk, and engaged in systematic pillage and massacre, as we already know."

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👺 affirme un rescapé de Kolwezi

Saint-Etienne. — A Saint-Just-Malmont, en Haute-Loire, le seul bar de la commune où ne soient là les Européens on servies que des baissons. bar de la commune où ne soient servies que des boissons non alcoolisées, a aussi une surpre-nante enseigne : Le Bafari. Le bourlingueur qui lui a donné ce nom, M. Pierre Verot, vient de rentrer du Zaire, où il a passe deux ans et demi-comme chef mécanicien à l'Union minière de Belgique. Belgique.

Cet homme de quarante-cinq ans est catégorique : « Les Ka-tangais étaient encadrès par des Cubains. Je-leur ai parlé. Ils-Cubains. Je-leur ai parte. Its s'exprimaient dans un français châtie, avec un accent espagnoltrès prononce. Ils étaient reconnaissables à leur barbe à la Fidel Castro, leurs cheveux accrépés n. Pour M. Vérot, aucun doute : c'étalent des militaires professionnels et intelligents. a Ils se sont rendu maitres de l'aérodrome sionnels et intelligents a Ils se sont rondu maîtres de l'aérodrome et du centre ville en un quart d'heure, sans rencontrer de résistance de la part des soldats de l'armée zairoise, qui juyaient au cours de l'attaque l'ont été dans le dos. » Depuis un an les soldats zairois commettaient des exactions : a Ils rançonnaient les ouvriers de la mine, les obligeant à donner la moitié de leur paie qu'ils venaient de toucher, avant qu'ils venaient de toucher, avant de les laisser rentrer dans les quartiers indigenes préalablement bouclés. C'est pourquoi les au- autres. Ils se livrèrent alors à tochtones n'ont pus réservé un pillage systématique et aux mi mauvais accueil aux Katangais. » sacres que l'on sait. »— P. C.

Les Cubains sont restés les trois remiers jours. Tant qu'ils ont été là les Européens ont été en sécurité. Ils se comportaient en occupants : a Chez les amis lorrains auprès desquels je m'étais réfugié, par deux fois, le dimanche et le lundi, un groupé d'une douzaine d'hommes est venu, dirigé par un Cubain d'une trentaine d'années n'ayant pas de galons apparents mais qu'ils appelaient commandant. Il était armé d'un pistolet-mitrailleur russe. Ils ont réclamé de la nourriture et propose en échange un reçu. Ils se sont comportes correctement, bien qu'ils aient emporte quelques souvenirs (deux ou trois cenariers en malachite, des souliers — ils étaient très mai chaussès, — et etatent tres mui chaless. — et leur chej a empoché les bijouz que mon hôtesse avait rangès dans une valise. Ils s'appelaient entre eux a camarade » et exi-

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